

ERC SNAPSHOT – February 2026

Stawell Gold Mines (SGM)

Q4 2025 Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring allows SGM to assess its performance in relation to a range of environmental aspects that include air quality, blasting, noise, water, and regulatory notices.

During Q4 2025, SGM was compliant with all environmental monitoring aspects, except for six environmental incidents, all of which were fully closed out.

SGM in the Community

SGM is proud of the strong community relationships fostered over the decades of operation within the township. SGM remains committed to being an active and supportive member of the Stawell community. In 2025, through sponsorships, donations and bi-annual community grants programs, SGM contributed to more than 40 local community group projects, school programs, sporting clubs, sporting events, and fundraising activities that directly benefit the community of Stawell and surrounding areas.

A Recipients Story: Stawell Inter Church Welfare Council Cottage

SGM is honoured to continue to assist the incredible work of the Welfare Council Cottage. The dedicated team of volunteers work tirelessly throughout the year to provide essential emergency relief to individuals and families doing it tough.

SGM Community Pop Up: February 26th to February 28th

SGM's Community Engagement Team will stage a Community Engagement Pop-Up in shop 108 in the Main Street.

Community members are encouraged to drop in to meet the team, learn more about mine operations and ask questions they have in relation to the mine. A selection of historic mine and town maps will also be on public display for the first time

Thursday Feb 26th from 10am to 3pm

Friday 27th from 10am to 3pm

Saturday 28th February from 9am to 1pm.

The SGM Community team with the amazing Cottage volunteers



Assorted Items

SGM and ERC members provided updates on a range of items:

- Denise Sumper from Northern Grampians Shire Council (NGSC) provided the ERC with an overview of Council's key functions and responsibilities. Denise detailed how NGSC regulatory responsibilities relate to the operations of SGM – as well as the operations of other regulators including ERR and EPA. In the event that NGSC receives a complaint relating to SGM, they liaise directly with SGM (and any other relevant authorities) in a manner consistent with relevant regulations and Acts (e.g. Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008).
- SGM's Clytie Robinson provided an overview of blasting at SGM. Key insights from the presentation included:
 - The primary purpose of blasting is to make big blocks of ore into smaller manageable sizes for transportation, processing and production requirements.
 - Development blasting is used to make tunnels to get to the ore. These are typically smaller and shorter blasts.
 - SGM operates under licence conditions with limits for blast vibrations – vibration cannot exceed 10mm/s and 95% of all blasts must not exceed a limit of 5mm/s. A prediction model is used and in instances where the prediction exceeds 5mm/s revisions are made to the blast design to lower the level.
 - Vibration is the shock waves being felt at a distance from the blast. Vibrations are measured by monitors situated at various locations around Stawell - including in areas of community concern.
- There were 1980 plants planted last year at the Davis Pit Rehabilitation site. There has been a 90% strike rate and there is a watering and moisture program underway.
- The Annual Ecological Assessment of Vegetation surrounding the tailings dam (TSF2) was undertaken in September 2025. There is sufficient healthy plant cover to maintain an adequate vegetation community which is necessary to maintain surface stability and control erosion.

ERC Recruitment

There are community positions available on the ERC Committee. Information can be found on SGM's Facebook page and website.

[SBM website = stawellgoldmines.com](http://www.stawellgoldmines.com)

Contact Us

For further information or to request a copy of the ERC meeting minutes please contact Stawell Gold Mines on 03 5383 1022 or enquiries@stawellgoldmines.com or www.facebook.com/stawellgoldmines



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